

# FISHERY BOARD

## Increased Bonus

### "MEET EMERGENCY"

#### Run Of Salmon

present rate of 22/6 in the £ is our ceiling, and is an increase of 25 per cent. on our 1939 rate. We cannot do any more, even if the keepers propose to strike. Another aspect of the case is that we have no claims for increases except from a certain section of the keepers who are very scattered; these men do not represent all the bailiffs and keepers employed by the Board."

**Mr. Blood-Smyth**—I don't think they represent half of them.

**Chairman**—It is doubtful if they do represent half of the men. Anyway, the unanimous attitude of the Finance Committee is that the Board cannot meet this proposed increase. If they propose to strike we can only meet the position.

In reply to **Mr. Daly**, the **Chairman** said he would put the issue to a vote, and if a majority of the Board declared in favour of the keepers and against the recommendations of the Finance Committee, he would allow the matter to be discussed.

**Mr. Daly** complained that the matter should be freely discussed by the Board before it was put to a vote. "What are we here for," he asked.

**Chairman**—You are here to carry anything you like by a majority.

**Mr. Daly** pointed out that the Board had a contingency fund which should be drawn on to meet matters of this kind, which should be regarded as contingencies.

#### CHAIRMAN'S RULING.

The **Chairman** said he would not allow any more discussion on the subject before putting it to a vote. If, by a vote, the Board disapproved of the Finance Committee's recommendation, he would allow anybody to say anything he wished. He would like to point out, meanwhile, that the Finance Committee had been appointed unanimously by the Board and that Committee had made a unanimous recommendation on the subject raised in Mr. O'Donovan's letter.

**Mr. Blood-Smyth** now proposed, and **Mr. Reynolds** seconded, that the Board approve of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

**Mr. Daly** proposed an amendment that the recommendation be referred back to the Finance Committee for further consideration. "I certainly don't think these men are paid for their labour," he said.

**Mr. Whelan** seconded this proposition.

On a show of hands, **Mr. Daly's** amendment was declared lost by a vote of four to nine.

**Mr. Daly**—I don't at all agree with the Finance Committee.

**Mr. Blood-Smyth**—Apparently the majority of the Board does.

The **Chairman** then declared the recommendations of the Finance Committee approved by the Board. If the keepers decided to go on strike, the Board were fully prepared to meet the emergency.

The **Secretary** said that the keepers concerned were fully aware of the fact that the Board could not make any provision for an increase in their bonuses.

The matter was not further discussed.

The Board unanimously adopted

#### INSPECTORS' REPORTS.

the monthly report of Inspector Cavanagh, which was as follows:—

"The rivers in this area have been continuously in flood since the 16th November, with the result that it is almost impossible to locate the salmon or the 'redds.'

"Although salmon were showing in the Gale river two months ago, few appear to have yet entered the spawning beds.

"On the 10th inst. the rivers were fairly low and clear after a frost on the previous night, and several 'redds' were to be seen in the upper part of the Smeral river. A few were also seen in the Feale at

# A GREAT WORKER

## Death of Rev. Brother Denis

### LOSS TO DE LA SALLE ORDER

The death occurred on Saturday, at the Mother House of the Irish Province of the De La Salle Brothers, Castletown, Laoighis, of the Rev. Brother Denis, late Superior of Hospital, after a protracted illness.

A native of Ballyfoyle, County Kilkenny, he was educated at St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny, before entering the De La Salle Order at Castletown, in 1902. Having spent his early religious training there, he completed his professional course at De La Salle Training College, Waterford. His years of teaching were spent in Kildare, Waterford, Dundalk, Bruff and Hospital. An accomplished teacher, he soon reached the highly efficient grade, and was Superior for the greater portion of his career.

His calm, placid appearance hid a strong character. Of more than ordinary stature, his real strength lay in a deep humility and spirit of prayer. Friends, who met him on his evening walk, did not suspect that he interrupted his recitation of the Rosary to acknowledge their salutations. He made friends without seeking them and they were lifelong, especially in Hospital, where so many willing workers rallied round him when it was necessary to defray the initial expenses of establishing a secondary school there. When the sad news of his death spread on Sunday morning, both clergy and laity expressed their unqualified sympathy with his confreres on their great loss.

The crowning glory of his career was the opening of a secondary school in the Hospital district to complement the work of the Monastery school there. The wish of the late Archbishop and local clergy that the boys of East Limerick be provided with a sound secondary course in education found a ready champion in Brother Denis. His calm courage that faced all difficulties with Faith overcame apparent impossibilities.

Nor were his activities confined to his own professional sphere. The presence at his obsequies of Very Rev. Father Hayes, Founder of Muintir na Tire was a gracious tribute to his valued co-operation with Rev. Father Bergin, in making the Hospital branch the outstanding success it is. As was only natural he had a keen interest in the national language and games. An accomplished hurler in his early days, his advice often paved the way for bringing the minor laurels to Hospital.

The Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul was sung by Rev. T. Henebry, Chaplain to De La Salle Retreat, Castletown; Rev. Father Bergin, C.C., Hospital, was Deacon; Very Rev. Father Grace, P.P., Castletown, Sub-Deacon, and Very Rev. Father Hayes, P.P., Bansha, Master of Ceremonies. Rev. Father Oliver, O. Cist., Roscrea, was also present. The Sacred Music was rendered by the combined choirs of the Senior and Junior Noviciates. Many of his relatives and representatives of the De La Salle House were present at the funeral to the adjoining cemetery, as were the teaching staffs of the Hospital schools, Mr. W. T. Tomkins, Manager of the Munster and Leinster Bank, Hospital; Mr. S. Murphy, Manager of the Shelbourne Co-Operative; Campile; etc.

On Wednesday morning, the pupils of the De La Salle schools, Hospital, accompanied by the staffs, marched in procession to St. John's Church, where Requiem Mass was celebrated for the repose of the soul of Brother Denis by the Very Rev. J. Canon McCarthy, P.P., V.F.,

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